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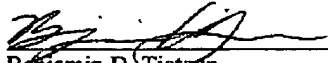
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Washington, DC 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This a response to the office action dated March 10, 2008, with a time for reply set to expire thirty days from that date. This response is submitted within that period and is considered timely filed. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is submitted herein, and it is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Claim Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.